

## GRIDIRON PROSPECTS FOR 1904

BIG TEAMS APPEAR TO BE PRETTY EVENLY MATCHED.

Weight Behind the Line in Great Demand This Year—Old and New Material at Harvard and Yale—The Princeton Situation—Columbia and the Quakers.

Weight, always a greatly desired commodity in football, is being sought after with more than anxious eyes by the coaches this season. Since the season's practice began at about the line, the accounts from the various colleges have harped on the size of the candidates' avoirdupois principally. One Princeton account told, with due solemnity, that "Capt. Foulke's aim is to get a team that combines weight and speed—"

as if such was not the aim of every football captain. That two and two make four is no plainer than that speed and weight are better than speed alone. Nor, it may be added, is the search for weight, will any coach sacrifice speed for the mere sake of pounds.

Weight on the line this year is to be supplemented with weight behind the line as much as is consistent with speed. The opinion of the experts is that heavy men behind the line are more needed than last year or the year before, because of what might be called the "charge" out of the field attack due to changes in the playing rules. The legislation curtailing passing behind the line puts a premium on individual weight to smash opposing lines. There has been no legislation as yet forbidding one individual from massing all the weight he can behind him.

Only the four backs are allowed behind the line on the offense this year, except that one line player may drop back provided he plays outside the end.

A pertinent instance of the desire to get big men behind the line was the report from New Haven that Tom Buehler, Yale's crack end, was to be converted into a full back. Buehler is heavy, fast, aggressive, but is such a good end that heavy men behind the line must be desirable indeed if he is to be moved. He is a powerful ground gainer, even from his position at the line, and his strength on the defense makes it doubtful whether he will be shifted to full back. Only an urgent need would bring about the change, and that with good material from which to choose an end to take his place. Big, heavy men in the line and light backs furnished one of the most powerful gridiron combinations that ever sported molecules—see Yale team of 1902—yet since light backs are to have less assistance from linemen in the way of compact grouping, they are now seen in favor.

What with men left over from last season and recruits, the leading teams as a rule, promise to present a formidable physical front this fall. All the squads are still in the rudimentary stage of development, but so far as can be judged at this early period, the various teams will be more evenly matched in strength than for the last several years.

The prospects of some of the big teams makes it stand out as superior to others that others have but small chance to become as strong. That condition always exists to a greater or less extent at the time of the year, but not so much as this year. Neither does it now look, judging from the material, as if there would be any team second or third or fourth in strength that would turn out by Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Michigan. But the outlook does indicate no lack of good teams fairly well matched and with several scores in the big games that have prevailed of late. Whether the season will develop something in the line of attack, or on the other hand, remain to be seen, but on the whole, prospects are bright.

Harvard has not a great deal in the way of experience, but Harvard rarely fails to have a good deal of excellent material, be it great or otherwise. Now, however, it is known to figure in the line of the line, and it is known to have a good deal of excellent material, be it great or otherwise. Now, however, it is known to figure in the line of the line, and it is known to have a good deal of excellent material, be it great or otherwise.

Harvard, with her in-and-out campaign last year, is a very uncertain quantity this year, but an uncertainty that may pay out the right side. The team that was left over from last year, whose players will be hard to fill are gone. Of the fifteen men who fell before last year's five regulars and three substitutes remain, Fowler and Gardner, ends; Knowlton, tackle; A. Marshall, guard; C. Marshall, quarterback; and Schoellkopf are gone. The line is left with four regulars and three substitutes, and the team is left with four regulars and three substitutes.

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PASSED WORTHLESS CHECKS.

Wm. Merrill Under Arrest in Utica for Swindling Checks in the Adirondacks.

Utica, Sept. 24.—William Merrill, 22 years of age, professing to be a graduate of Harvard and the son of Mayor Merrill of Cripple Creek, Col., is under arrest in Utica for a series of swindles that he is said to have accomplished while a guest at the Seventh Lake House on Seventh Lake, in the Adirondacks.

Merrill, who is of athletic build, splendid address and refinement, was arrested on the specific allegation of having passed a worthless check for \$40 on his guide, Raymond L. Norton. The bank on which Norton's check was drawn, the New York County National Bank, has since notified the Utica police of the check, and a check book found on him when arrested indicates by its serials and other checks on the same bank that he has been passing checks for some time.

Checks are not the only thing that this young man is charged with dealing in while stopping in the Adirondacks. Ladies' jewelry is said to be one of his favorite lines. Merrill is a fine dancer and at the evening house in the hotel he danced with the young women guests. He took them to the dance in the day time and at night around good fellows with the fair ones. One of the young women will receive her pretty watch back because the police found it in Merrill's possession. He belonged to Miss Pearl, of New York. She loaned it to Merrill to wear while he was out of the report.

Two pawn tickets found in Merrill's pockets indicate that he has obtained money on jewelry, but whose jewelry it was it remains to be discovered. He was a ticket showing that a diamond ring had been pledged in New York for \$100, and another at a pawnshop for \$500. Merrill's father, who is a former Wall Street broker, was at the hotel house in New York yesterday. The prisoner has kept the wire busy to-day in an effort to extricate himself from his predicament.

## NOW COMES THE HORSE SHOW

New Classes and More Prizes for the Twentieth Annual Autumn Function.

Now comes the prize list of the twentieth annual exhibition of the National Horse Show Association, to be held at Madison Square Garden, Nov. 14 to 18, a warning to the owners of high priced horses to be in readiness for the prize money. The show is to be held at the Madison Square Garden, and the prize money is to be \$100,000. The show is to be held at the Madison Square Garden, and the prize money is to be \$100,000.

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Police Still Convinced There's a Woman in the Case.

The Brooklyn police are still at sea in their hunt for the slayer of Frank McNally, the saloonkeeper, who was found dying in his room on his saloon, on Park avenue, Wednesday morning. They are still convinced that a woman will figure in the case if it is finally unraveled, and they have not abandoned the theory by any means that a woman actually did the killing.

Capt. Toole said yesterday that his men were not searching for any woman in particular now. The captain and his men made another thorough search of the scene of the murder yesterday, without unearthing the least scrap, even to a hairpin, showing the presence of a woman there the night of the murder. The police are satisfied that McNally retired alone and was surprised while he slept.

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## CRICKET.

East County Defeated Manhattan and Taken Second Place in Championship.

Second place in the championship series of the New York Cricket Association was decided yesterday afternoon, when the eleven of the East County Cricket Club defeated the second team of the Manhattan Cricket Club in the final game at Branch Brook Park in Newark on today's 26th and 27th. The East County team, which was captained by T. L. White, an excellent batsman, was victorious by a score of 78, of which T. L. White contributed 20 runs by steady defensive tactics, while the rest of the team was equally successful. The Manhattan team, captained by J. F. Kelly, was defeated by a score of 78, of which T. L. White contributed 20 runs by steady defensive tactics, while the rest of the team was equally successful.

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